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TAGS: OREP (MCCLURE, JAMES)

SUBJECT: CODEL MCCLURE

1. SENATOR MCCLURE ARRIVED IN CAIRO, TWO HOURS BEHIND SCHEDULE, ON NOVEMBER 19 AND DEPARTED 21 NOVEMBER FOR JIDDA. IN ACCORDANCE HIS INTERESTS, USINT CAIRO ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH DR. ABDEL AZIZ HEGAZI, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND FOREIGN TRADE; DR. AHMED ZENDU, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF EGYPT; DR. RAMZY AL LIETHY, CHAIRMAN, THE EGYPIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; DR. ABDEL MONIEM EL KAISSONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT; AND DR. GAMAL AL-OTEIFI, DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. ON NOVEMBER 20, AMBASSADOR HOSTED A SMALL DINNER PARTY IN HONOR OF THE SENATOR. EGYPTIAN GUESTS INCLUDED: DR. ASHRAF GHORBAL, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO WASHINGTON; DR. KAISSOUNY; DR. HADI MAGHRABI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR SUPPLY COMMODITIES; DR. SHERIF LUTFI, FIRST UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND FOREIGN TRADE; MR. HUSSIEN ZAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRACTORS AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION; AND DR. RUSHDI SAID, CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MINERAL PROJECTS; PLUS SELECTED AMERICANS AND VISITING EXXON VICE PRESIDENT.

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SENATOR'S VISIT RECEIVED GOOD PRESS COVERAGE.

2. SENATOR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WERE FRANK AND CORDIAL THROUGHOUT. HIS SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF EGYPTIAN PROBLEMS AND DESIRE TO LEARN MADE VERY FAVORABLE IMPACT. WHILE INDICATING UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB PURPOSE IN USING OIL EMBARGO, HE CAUTIONED HIS HEARERS THAT IF THIS CARRIED TO EXTREMES IT COULD EVOKE ANTI-ARAB PUBLIC REACTION IN US AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR USG PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ANY PEACE TALKS.

3. IN SHORT, VISIT CAN BE TERMED A DISTINCT SUCCESS.
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